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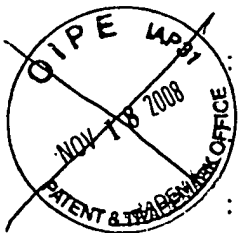
In re application of

Hiroataka KAKITA et al.

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AMENDMENT AND REPLY

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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Sir:

In response to the final Office Action dated July 24, 2008, the period for response having been extended for one month by the attached petition, Applicants herein provide the following amendments and remarks.

A Declaration under 37 C.F.R. 1.132 is also attached herewith.

*Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1600*

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or to credit any overpayment associated with this
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